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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Steven Mayers

DEFENDANTS

Loree Diane Taylor, et al. (see attachment)

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff San Mateo
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant San Francisco
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED.

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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff ☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

42 U.S.C. §§ 12181-12189

Brief description of cause:

Discrimination based on disability

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$ Injunction, et al.

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☒ No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

PLEASE REFER TO CIVIL L.R. 3-12 CONCERNING REQUIREMENT TO FILE "NOTICE OF RELATED CASE".

IX. DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENT (CIVIL L.R. 3-2) (PLACE AND "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

☒ SAN FRANCISCO/OAKLAND

☐ SAN JOSE

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

2/23/09

Sid Wolinsky

STEVEN MAYERS,

Plaintiff,

v.

LOREE DIANE TAYLOR; HIGHWAY BLUES INC., dba GREAT COMEDY SCHOOL dba GREAT TRAFFIC SAFETY CLASSES; INTERACTIVE SAFETY EDUCATION INC., dba PIZZA FOR YOU COMEDIANS 2; TRAFFIC SAFETY CENTER INC., dba COMEDY FOR LESS TRAFFIC SCHOOL; SHEILA ANN IP, dba SPEED TRAFFIC SCHOOL; ROSALINA L. AVENA, dba ROSY DRIVING AND TRAFFIC SCHOOL; JAMES SUN HUNG CHAN, dba NU TECH DRIVING & TRAFFIC SCHOOL; KEN R. HARRISON; JOSEPH RANDALL, dba FINALLY A GAY TRAFFIC SCHOOL; GEORGE H. APKARIAN, dba FUN N CHEAP COMEDY TRAFFIC SCHOOL; PANYA LEE; A SAFE WAY DRIVING SCHOOL INC., dba A SAFE WAY DRIVING SCHOOL; STEVEN JAMES VERRET; IMPROV TVS INC., dba THE IMPROV TRAFFIC SCHOOL; ROCKY COLOGNE, dba ROCKY COLOGNES COMEDY TRAFFIC SCHOOL; BRUCE L. ELKINS, dba CHEAP SCHOOL; WILLIAM KRUP; PACIFIC SEMINAR TRAFFIC SAFETY, INC.; TIMOTHY J. KARO, dba SF BAY TRAFFIC VIOLATOR SCHOOL,

Defendants.

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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 7 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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8 STEVEN MAYERS, .

Case No.

CV 09

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9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 LOREE DIANE TAYLOR; HIGHWAY
 12 BLUES INC., dba GREAT COMEDY
 SCHOOL dba GREAT TRAFFIC SAFETY
 13 CLASSES; INTERACTIVE SAFETY
 EDUCATION INC., dba PIZZA FOR YOU
 14 COMEDIANS 2; TRAFFIC SAFETY
 CENTER INC., dba COMEDY FOR LESS
 15 TRAFFIC SCHOOL; SHEILA ANN IP, dba
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 17 TRAFFIC SCHOOL; JAMES SUN HUNG
 CHAN, dba NU TECH DRIVING &
 18 TRAFFIC SCHOOL; KEN R. HARRISON;
 19 JOSEPH RANDALL, dba FINALLY A GAY
 TRAFFIC SCHOOL; GEORGE H.
 20 APKARIAN, dba FUN N CHEAP COMEDY
 TRAFFIC SCHOOL; PANYA LEE; A SAFE
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 SAFE WAY DRIVING SCHOOL; STEVEN
 22 JAMES VERRET; IMPROV TVS INC., dba
 THE IMPROV TRAFFIC SCHOOL; ROCKY
 23 COLOGNE, dba ROCKY COLOGNES
 COMEDY TRAFFIC SCHOOL; BRUCE L.
 24 ELKINS, dba CHEAP SCHOOL; WILLIAM
 KRUP; PACIFIC SEMINAR TRAFFIC
 25 SAFETY, INC.; TIMOTHY J. KARO, dba SF
 26 BAY TRAFFIC VIOLATOR SCHOOL,

27 Defendants.

COMPLAINT FOR DISCRIMINATION:
 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
 (42 U.S.C. §§ 12181-12189); CAL. UNRUH
 ACT (CIV. CODE § 51), CAL. DISABLED
 PERSONS ACT (CIV. CODE §§ 54-55)

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INTRODUCTION

1. This lawsuit challenges discrimination against a profoundly deaf person, Steven Mayers. Mr. Mayers communicates by American Sign Language ("ASL"). After receiving a traffic ticket, Mr. Mayers attempted to attend a traffic school within a reasonable distance of his home. Every traffic school he contacted refused to provide an ASL interpreter so that he could attend.

2. Each named Defendant owns and/or operates one or more licensed traffic violator schools in San Francisco or northern San Mateo County. Each Defendant denied and continues to deny Mr. Mayers access to its school(s).

3. Defendants know they have an obligation under the law to grant equal access to their classes. Instead of doing so, they have chosen to violate this obligation, causing irreparable injury to Mr. Mayers and entitling him to an award of statutory damages against each Defendant for each violation.

JURISDICTION

4. This is an action for declaratory and injunctive relief and damages brought pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") Title III, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12181-12189, as well as California law, Civil Code § 51, and §§ 54-55.

5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1342, and 1343 for claims arising under the ADA.

6. This Court has jurisdiction to issue injunctive relief and a declaratory judgment pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202.

7. Under the doctrine of pendent and supplemental jurisdiction, this Court has jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims arising under California state law.

VENUE

8. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), venue is proper in the District in which this Complaint is filed, because Defendants own and maintain non-compliant programs and facilities within the Northern District of California, and because the acts and omissions giving rise to this claim occurred in the Northern District of California.

PARTIES

9. Plaintiff Steven Mayers is a deaf individual and communicates using ASL. He resides in Daly City, California.

10. Plaintiff is substantially limited in the major life activities of hearing and speaking. Plaintiff thus is an individual with a disability within the meaning of applicable law.

11. Plaintiff holds a noncommercial class C driver's license issued by the State of California.

12. Plaintiff, either personally or through an authorized representative, attempted to enroll in each named Defendant's traffic school, but he could not do so because each Defendant refused to provide Plaintiff an ASL interpreter.

13. Plaintiff has been and is being discriminated against by Defendants' operation of traffic schools in a manner that denies him access to and alternative means of communications in their instructional services and classrooms.

14. Each named Defendant owns and/or operates a traffic violator school licensed by the State of California pursuant to Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 11200) of Division 5 of the California Vehicle Code.

15. Defendant Highway Blues, Inc., dba Great Comedy School dba Great Traffic Safety Classes, owns a traffic violator school, operated by Defendant Loree Diane Taylor, located at 50 8th Street, in San Francisco, California.

16. Defendant Interactive Safety Education, Inc., dba Pizza For You Comedians 2, owns a traffic violator school, operated by Defendant Loree Diane Taylor, located at 50 8th Street, in San Francisco, California.

17. Defendant Traffic Safety Center, Inc., dba Comedy for Less Traffic School, owns a traffic violator school, operated by Defendant Loree Diane Taylor, located at 50 8th Street, in San Francisco, California.

18. Defendant Sheila Ann Ip, dba Speed Traffic School, owns and operates a traffic violator school located at 4224 Mission Street, in San Francisco, California.

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1 19. Defendant Rosalina L. Avena, dba Rosy Driving and Traffic School, owns and
2 operates a traffic violator school located at 5524-B Mission Street, in San Francisco,
3 California.

4 20. Defendant James Sun Hung Chan, dba Nu Tech Driving & Traffic School,
5 owns and operates a traffic violator school located at 4735 Mission Street, Suite D, in San
6 Francisco, California.

7 21. Defendant Joseph Randall, dba Finally A Gay Traffic School, owns a traffic
8 violator school, operated by Defendant Ken R. Harrison, located at 900 Franklin Street, in San
9 Francisco, California.

10 22. Defendant George H. Apkarian, dba Fun N Cheap Comedy Traffic School,
11 owns a traffic violator school, operated by Defendant Ken R. Harrison, located at 900 Franklin
12 Street, in San Francisco, California.

13 23. Defendant A Safe Way Driving School, Inc., dba A Safe Way Driving School,
14 owns a traffic violator school, operated by Defendant Panya Lee, located at 900 Franklin
15 Street, in San Francisco, California.

16 24. Defendant Improv TVS Inc., dba The Improv Traffic School, owns a traffic
17 violator school, operated by Defendant Steven James Verret, located at Fort Mason Center in
18 San Francisco, California.

19 25. Defendant Rocky Cologne, dba Rocky Colognes Comedy Traffic School, owns
20 and operates a traffic violator school, located at 323 South Airport Boulevard, in South San
21 Francisco, California.

22 26. Defendant Bruce L. Elkins, dba Cheap School, owns and operates a traffic
23 violator school located at 3401 Cesar Chavez, Suite A, in San Francisco, California.

24 27. Defendant Pacific Seminar Traffic Safety, Inc., owns a traffic violator school,
25 operated by Defendant William Krup, located at 2130 Fulton Street, in San Francisco,
26 California.

27 28. Defendant Timothy J. Karo, dba SF Bay Traffic Violator School, owns and
28 operates a traffic violator school, located at 1700 Irving Street, in San Francisco, California.

29. Defendants, and each of them, have denied Plaintiff's request for an ASL interpreter so that he can attend their traffic schools, thereby unlawfully discriminating against Plaintiff.

30. As licensed traffic violator schools, Defendants are expressly precluded by law from discriminating against people with disabilities and may be deprived of their licenses because of such discrimination. Cal. Vehicle Code § 11216.2.

31. All Defendants are properly joined in this action because the claims alleged herein all arose from identical facts and occurrences, and/or an identical series of facts and occurrences, and involve common questions of law and fact within the meaning of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 20(a).

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

32. Pursuant to California Vehicle Code § 42005(b), in lieu of adjudicating a traffic offense committed by a person who holds a noncommercial class C driver's license, and with the consent of the defendant, the court may order the person to attend a licensed traffic violator school.

33. As permitted by California Vehicle Code § 41501, the court may continue the matter and dismiss the complaint upon proof of such attendance.

34. Upon receipt of the bail amount indicated by the court and a court processing fee, the court mails eligible violators a traffic school referral with the completion due date, and a list of traffic school providers.

35. After attending a class at a traffic school, the driver must file with the court the original certificate of completion by the due date designated by the court.

36. Upon filing the certificate of completion, the record of the violation and traffic violator school attendance is held confidential pursuant to California Vehicle Code § 1808.7 and may not be disclosed to any person.

37. By attending traffic violator school as ordered by the court, a licensed driver thus may avoid a public record of the traffic violation.

1 38. Attendance at a licensed traffic violator school constitutes an important public
2 service, is sanctioned by California state courts, and confers a substantial benefit upon
3 licensed drivers cited for traffic violations.

4 39. The inability to attend traffic school results in a permanent public record of the
5 traffic offense.

6 40. This public record of the offense causes potential adverse consequences to the
7 driver, such as increased automobile insurance premiums or ineligibility for such insurance.

8 41. On November 6, 2008, Plaintiff received a traffic citation in Monterey County
9 for exceeding the speed limit.

10 42. The law enforcement officer who issued the ticket to Plaintiff informed him
11 that he would have the option to attend traffic violator school.

12 43. On or about November 21, 2008, the Monterey County Superior Court mailed
13 Plaintiff a notice containing information about his November 6, 2008 traffic violation.

14 44. The court notice specified the amount of bail Plaintiff was required to pay and
15 also informed him that he was eligible to avoid a public record of the traffic violation by
16 choosing to attend traffic school.

17 45. Plaintiff indicated on the form provided by the court that he wished to attend
18 traffic school and timely returned it with the sum specified as bail plus a processing fee.

19 46. The information provided by the court stated that Plaintiff must provide it with
20 a certificate of completion of traffic violator school by March 12, 2009.

21 47. Plaintiff requested and received a list of licensed traffic schools near his
22 residence in Daly City.

23 48. Plaintiff telephoned numerous schools on the list, including several owned
24 and/or operated by Defendants. Some refused to accept his call because he uses a telephone
25 relay service for deaf individuals.

26 49. The traffic schools that spoke with Plaintiff stated that they would not provide
27 him with an ASL interpreter during the classes they offered.
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59. Plaintiff was and remains able to satisfy the requirements of the instruction, classes, and certification of completion offered by Defendant traffic schools.

60. Each traffic violator school owned and/or operated by Defendants is a public accommodation within the meaning of the ADA.

61. By refusing and failing to provide modifications and/or auxiliary aids and services, including ASL interpreters, necessary to provide Plaintiff access to their traffic violator schools, Defendants have discriminated and continue to discriminate against Plaintiff because of his disability.

62. By adopting policies and practices that screen out, or tend to screen out, individuals with disabilities from attendance at their traffic schools, Defendants have discriminated and continue to discriminate against Plaintiff.

63. The violations of Defendants are ongoing, and Plaintiff is entitled to injunctive relief remedying the discrimination.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests relief as set forth below.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

CALIFORNIA UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT (CIVIL CODE § 51)

64. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates all previously alleged paragraphs of the complaint.

65. California's Unruh Civil Rights Act, Civil Code § 51, guarantees all disabled persons full and equal accommodations, advantages, privileges, and services in all business establishments of any kind whatsoever.

66. Each traffic school owned and/or operated by Defendants is a business establishment within the meaning of the Unruh Civil Rights Act.

67. Plaintiff is a disabled person within the meaning of the Unruh Civil Rights Act.

68. Plaintiff has been denied and continues to be denied full and equal access to each traffic school owned and/or operated by each Defendant.

69. Defendants have not provided Plaintiff services and facilities that are provided to other customers who are not disabled, and/or have provided him services and facilities that are unequal and inferior to the services provided to non-disabled customers.

70. The actions of each Defendant violated the Unruh Civil Rights Act, and these violations are ongoing. Therefore Plaintiff is entitled to injunctive relief remedying the discrimination.

71. Plaintiff is also entitled to statutory damages from each Defendant, and for each and every offense, pursuant to California Civil Code § 52.

72. Plaintiff is also entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests relief as set forth below.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

CALIFORNIA DISABLED PERSONS ACT (CIVIL CODE §§ 54-55)

73. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates all previously alleged paragraphs of the complaint.

74. California's Disabled Persons Act, Civil Code §§ 54-55, guarantees to disabled persons full and equal access, as other members of the general public, to accommodations, advantages, and facilities, including places of public accommodation and other places to which the general public is invited.

75. Each traffic school owned and/or operated by Defendants is a "place of public accommodation or other place to which the general public is invited" within the meaning of the Disabled Persons Act.

76. Plaintiff is an individual with a disability entitled to the protections of the Disabled Persons Act.

77. Plaintiff has been denied and continues to be denied full and equal access to each traffic school owned and/or operated by each Defendant.

78. The actions of each Defendant violated the Disabled Persons Act, and these violations are ongoing. Therefore Plaintiff is entitled to injunctive relief remedying the discrimination pursuant to California Civil Code § 55.

79. Plaintiff is also entitled to statutory damages from each Defendant, and for each and every offense, pursuant to California Civil Code § 54.3.

80. Plaintiff is also entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests relief as set forth below.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

DECLARATORY RELIEF

81. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein all previously alleged paragraphs of the complaint.

82. Plaintiff contends that Defendants have failed and are failing to comply with applicable laws prohibiting discrimination against disabled persons, including, but not limited to, the ADA, the California Unruh Civil Rights Act, and the California Disabled Persons Act.

83. A judicial declaration is necessary and appropriate at this time in order that each of the parties may know their respective rights and duties and act accordingly.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests relief as set forth below.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

1. An order enjoining each Defendant from violating the ADA, the California Unruh Civil Rights Act, and the California Disabled Persons Act;

2. A declaration that each Defendant is operating its traffic school(s) in a manner that discriminates against persons with disabilities and that fails to provide access for persons with disabilities as required by law;

3. Damages in an amount to be determined by proof, including statutory, actual, and/or treble damages from each Defendant for each and every violation of the California Unruh Civil Rights Act and of the California Disabled Persons Act;

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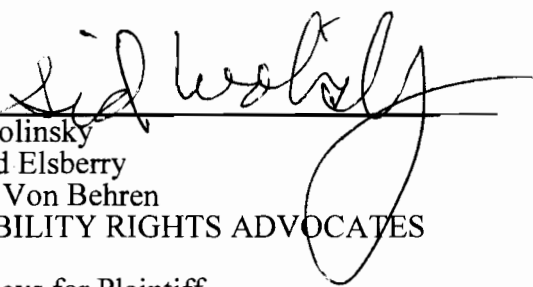
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4. An award of Plaintiff's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs; and
5. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

DATED: February 23, 2009

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